

Ecusta Trail Rules and Etiquette

Ideas to consider in each category

Operation:
Greenway trail is open at all times, except for dangerous weather events or repairs (NCDOT requirements)
County-owned parking lots are open from dawn to dusk
No parking in non-designated areas
No loitering between dusk and dawn
Bicycle light-use is required from dusk to dawn
No devices (including electric scooters, e-bikes, etc.) shall be left on the trail unattended, unless parked in appropriate parking places
Report any suspicious incidents or activity by calling 911
Please report any vandalism, storm damage, or unsafe conditions immediately to Henderson County Parks and Recreation Department by calling 828-697-4884.

Safety:
Secure valuables out of sight in your locked vehicle
Respect nature; trail surfaces are slippery when wet
All users are encouraged to wear a helmet and protective gear. Children 16 years of age and under must wear a helmet when using bicycles, scooters, roller blades, skates, skateboards, or non-pedestrian activity
Be Alert!
Do not block greenway
For your safety, please don't use the trail alone
Speed Limit 15 mph and slower when around others and/or congested areas
Riders should reduce speed in accordance with surroundings and current conditions
Maintain safe speeds and heed all posted speed limit signs.
Use caution at street crossings; come to a stop and use caution when proceeding into the intersection
Etiquette: (maybe a fun sign that says STOP and then offers etiquette education in a fun manner)
Pedestrians have the right of way; slow when approaching pedestrians and yield to them
Travel on the right, pass on the left; Give audible warning before passing
Share the trail
Slow and Say "Hello"
Stay alert/Listen for approaching traffic; Decrease the volume of audio devices and keep one ear open
Pets:
Pets must be on a leash 6 ft. or shorter at all times
Pets must be kept on the right; pass on the left
Pick up after your pet and deposit in a trash can

Prohibited:
Littering
Swimming & Golf Practice
Killing, trapping, or harming wildlife (current ordinance)
Fireworks (current ordinance)
Possession of weapons (checking current ordinance)

Posting commercial or political signs (current ordinance)
Selling, soliciting, or exhibiting materials without a Parks and Recreation Issued Permit (current ordinance)
Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages (or any intoxicants) on trail is prohibited(current ordinance)
Collection, removal, damage, or disturbance of any trail property, natural or cultural object (current ordinance)
Airborne vehicles of any type
Fuel-powered vehicles of any kind
Tobacco use of any kind
Horses
Camping
Prohibited vehicles include: ATVs, UTVs, and 4-wheelers Tagged vehicles (including scooters or mopeds) Golf carts Note: Individuals with a mobility disability have the right to use an OPDMD (Other Power-Driven Mobility Device)
Rules:
Fishing is allowed in accordance with NC state rules and regulations
Stay on the trail at all times and respect private property
Obey posted rules and signs
None of these rules, regulations, or etiquette are to supersede state or federal law, infringe upon the rights of those protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or gender,